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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, please enter the following election and claims amendments.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.